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Dear Ms. Matthews,

I am writing to urge you to oppose any present or future legislation that negatively impacts the resources and channel space needed for public, education and government (PEG) access television. I am concerned about any telecom legislation that would strip local governments of franchising and regulatory power and just compensation for use of public rights—of-way. I ask you to oppose current proposed legislation, such as "Video Choice Act" (s.1349), the "Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act" (S.1504) and the "Digital Age Communications Act (Demint Bill) and any other similar legislation.

Community access television provides a local voice in the media. It supports free speech by the public, and keeps citizenry up-to-date about important local government and community affairs. It builds civic pride. I support public, educational and government television and I urge you to oppose any legislation that eliminates support for PEG access television. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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